

## MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009 CTEC MEETING

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, R. Barrett, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, F. Esposito, S. Hoag, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, Twp Liaison W. O'Connor, Marge Capecelatro, Township Resident and Lafayette Avenue School 5th grade students Matthew Piechnik and Alexandra Lynch, their parents, and teachers.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2009 was posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building, mentioned on the Township web site, and published in the newspapers Chatham Courier and Daily Record. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

### MINUTES

Esposito motioned to approve the EC minutes from September 1, 2009, K. Abbott 2nd with all in favor.

### REMAINING CTEC AND GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND JANUARY 2010

Every first Tuesday: Nov 3, Dec 1 in 2009, and Jan 5, 2010.

### GRANTS

- The Chatham Jaycees awarded \$750 to CTEC to replace 6 crabapple trees on the grounds of the Lafayette School. The grant was facilitated by K. Abbott in cooperation with principal Cheryl Caggiano, and Erv Hoag, Mary Olmstead, and Sharon Gill. The award ceremony was held June 10 at Charlie Brown's where P. Collington accepted the award for the EC.
- The ESRI Corporation has awarded CTEC a free copy of ArcView for 2009. ArcView is the mapping software used to create the Township GIS website and CTEC's conservation easement map. Any CTEC member is welcome to use it.

### EVENTS

- Saturday September 17, 2009. ANJEC Annual Environmental Congress. Anjec.org for more information.
- October 3, 2009 Recycling & Reuse Event – cancelled.

### PRESENTATION

- Student presentation. P. Collington. – Lafayette Avenue School 5th grade students Mathew Piechnik and Alexandra Lynch presented a power point presentation on Recycling. This presentation compared Chatham Townships recycling program to 7 other towns within the area which included problems and solutions. Commission members would like to put this power point presentation on the EC webpage and invited the students to help the EC with recycling improvements. The students were enthusiastic about helping commission and with their power point presentation on the EC webpage. W. O'Connor also invited the students to show the presentation at a township committee meeting.

### REPORTS/DISCUSSION

- Budget 2010 – Commission members discussed items that they would like included in budget for 2010, including a tent for outside events, trifold advertising board, a larger budget for the recycling event, newspaper publishing, project materials.
- Community Education and Outreach Committee report. Green Fair Saturday September 12. CTEC/Green Team Community Education & Outreach's "Tree Planting Workshop & Sustainability Ceremony" on September 24 was

attended by New Jersey State Assemblywoman Munoz who presented the award certificates. P. Collington, K. Abbott.

- Open Space Committee report — Bike path complete. Replacing and repairing sidewalks throughout twp. Community Garden — checking into Spring Street location. Sustainable Jersey grant application submitted. K. Abbott suggests to have ground tested because of the PSEG site work. S. Hoag.
- Planning Board report — Shunpike field is a capital project, issues raised by public regarding artificial field and contamination, some trees to be removed. L. Caprioglio.
- EC web site — up and running, looking for pictures and other information to post. Checking into getting a link to archive past data. <http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/index.html> F. Esposito, R. Barrett, P. Collington.
- Recycling & Reuse Subcommittee - Township recycling program has been expanded, will advertise in newspaper to make residents aware. S. Hoag, K. Abbott.
- Township Committee report – Rolling Knolls referred to Planning Board, ordinance passed prohibiting school parking on Maple Ave.
- New projection screen for meeting room installed. R. Barrett.
- PSEG Corridor – Letter to PSE&G. written by K. Abbott, commission members suggested edits, R. Barrett will draft new letter with edits (distrubite via email). D. Stillinger stated that a letter was received from PSEG regarding the herbicide spray; and commission members need to review the mail.

#### APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

- NEW. ROLLING KNOLLS. Britten Road Rear. Block 48.20 Lot 184 (15 acres, R-1) and 189 (136 acres, R-1). Fetterly has proposed a solar farm on the Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund site. Proposed declaration of property by Planning Board as an Area in Need of Redevelopment. Current zoning is R-1 (1 dwelling per 3.5 acres).
- PENDING. BRILL/THE FARM AT GREEN VILLAGE. 503 Green Village Road. 5-14-09. Block 48.18, Lots 140, 142, 143. Application to the Board of Adjustment for demolition and removal of an existing dilapidated shed and lean-to and replacement with a new barn, renovation, and expansion of the farmhouse with a second story rear addition, construction of a new outdoor restroom facility. The business is entitled to continue and expand as a nonconforming use protected under the Right to Farm Act. Stream may need wider buffers because of new riparian ordinance, storm water concerns, possibility of fertilizer going into stream and pond. Property drains directly into the Great Swamp. Waivers requested for EIS (should include information on quality of current surface water), 2 to 5-foot contours to determine the natural drainage of the land, soil types and height of water table, drainage calculations for drainage facilities.
- PENDING. PSE&G PROPERTY ON SOUTHERN BOULEVARD. 6-4-09. Block 48.14, Lot 110. Verizon Wireless. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval and use variance for transmission equipment and shed. They plan to add equipment to the top of the transmission tower behind the gazebo and to build equipment shed at the rear of the gazebo parking area between the gazebo and the tower. The area is wet but heavily disturbed. Application for LOI, GP2 (utility crossing) & Special Activity Transition Area Waiver for Redevelopment has been submitted to the NJDEP. Possibility of requesting a vegetated retention basin behind proposed shed. O. Radaam, D. Stillinger.
- PENDING. CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 6-26-09. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval and conditional use approval for a school in a residential zone. No construction is proposed. S. Hoag, F. Esposito, D. Stillinger.

#### RECENT LETTERS SENT

- September 2009. Green Fair thank you letters to Girl Scout troops and leaders and others who generously volunteered their time to make the Green Fair a huge success.

MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:25 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli, Minutes Secretary